

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 presently appear in this case. No claims have yet been examined on the merits. The present amendment is being made in order to place the application into better condition for examination. Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.

The present preliminary amendment includes corrections to the specification. The amendment to the three compounds on page 18 and in claim 11 to insert "acid" after "carboxylic" is supported by the disclosure of compounds 93, 101 and 102 at pages 54 and 55 of the specification. Thus, this change does not involve new matter.

The correction of the names of the compounds at pages 19, 25, 26 and 29, as well as in claim 11, is also fully supported by the specification as the names added are the same as the names of compounds 113, 192, 211 and 280, at pages 57, 64, 65 and 71, respectively, of the specification. Thus, these changes do not involve new matter.

The correction to the name of the compound at page 37 of the specification, as well as in claim 2, are supported by Example 27 of WO 97/45403. Page 37 of the specification states that this compound was identically disclosed in WO 97/45403. Indeed, it is disclosed in Example 27 thereof. A copy of the front page and page 27 of WO 97/45403, noting

particularly Example 27, are attached hereto to show that those of ordinary skill in the art would understand from context that the "cyano" was a typographical error and that "cyclo" was intended. Note that the correction of this error was already permitted in the international stage with respect to the correction of the same error in claim 1.

Inadvertently, the same error at pages 37 and claim 2 were inadvertently not corrected in the international phase. This does not involve new matter for the same reason that the correction was accepted during the international phase and for the reasons discussed above.

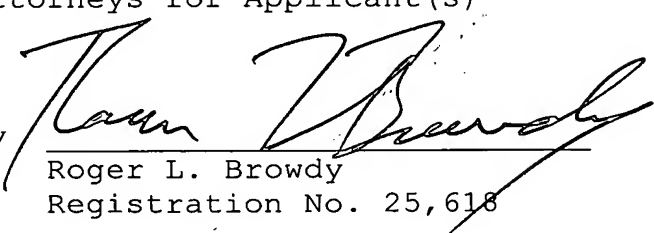
The remaining corrections are correction of obvious clerical errors.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendment and prompt consideration and allowance of all the claims now present in the case are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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